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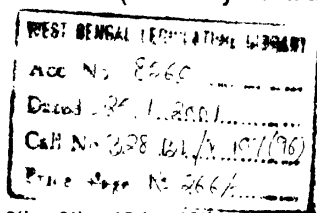
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220. Murmu, Shri Sarkar [39-Habibpur (ST)—Malda]
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223. Nasiruddin Khan, Shri (61-Noada—Murshidabad)
224. Naskar, Shri Subhas [101-Basanti (SC)—South 24-Parganas]
225. Naskar, Shri Sundar [110-Bishnupur East (SC)—South 24-Parganas]
226. Nath, Shri Madan Mohan (132-Noapara—North 24-Parganas)
227. Nath, Shri Manoranjan (279-Purbasthali—Burdwan)
228. Nazmul Haque, Shri (225-Kharagpur Rural—Midnapore)
229. Nazmul Hoque, Shri (41-Kharba—Malda)
230. Neogy, Shri Brajo Gopal (190-Polba—Hooghly)

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232. Omar, Ali, Dr. (200-Panskura West—Midnapore)
233. Oraon, Shri Jagannath [18-Mal (ST)—Jalpaiguri]
234. Paik, Shri Sunirmal [209-Khajuri (SC)—Midnapore]
235. Pakhira, Shri Ratanchandra [197-Ghatal (SC)—Midnapore]
236. Pande, Shri Sadhan (158-Burtola—Calcutta)
237. Pathak, Shri Patit Paban (161-Bally—Howrah)
238. Patra, Shri Amiya (244-Taldangra—Bankura)
239. Patra, Shri Ranjit (228-Dantan—Midnapore)
240. Paul, Smt. Maya Rani (63-Berhampur-Murshidabad)
241. Phodikar, Shri Prabhas Chandra (198-Daspur—Midnapore)
242. Poddar, Shri Deoki Nandan (143-Jorasanko—Calcutta)
243. Pradhan, Shri Prasanta (208-Bhagwanpur—Midnapore)
244. Pramanik, Shri Abinash [188-Balagarh (SC)—Hooghly]
245. Pramanik, Shri Sudhir [2-Sitalkuchi (SC)—Cooch Behar]
246. Purkait, Shri Prabodh [102-Kultali (SC)—South 24-Parganas]
247. Putatunda (Dev), Shrimati Anuradha (120-Magrahat West—South 24-Parganas)
248. Quazi Abdul Gaffar, Shri (94-Baduria—North 24-Parganas)
249. Raha, Shri Sudhan (19-Kranti—Jalpaiguri)
250. Ray, Shri Achintya Krishna (253-Vishnupur—Bankura)
251. Ray, Shri Jatindranath [21-Rajganj (SC)—Jalpaiguri]
252. Ray, Shri Matish (137-Baranagar-North 24-Parganas)
253. Roy, Shri Sattick Kumar (293-Nalhati—Birbhum)
254. Ray, Shri Subhash (122-Mandirbazar (SC)—South 24-Parganas)
255. Ray, Shri Tapan (288-Suri—Birbhum)
256. Roy, Shri Banamali (15-Dhupguri (SC)—Jalpaiguri)
257. Roy, Shri Dwijendra Nath (37-Kumarganj—South Dinajpur)
258. Roy, Shri Mrinal Kanti (212-Ramnagar—Midnapore)
259. Roy, Shri Narmada Chandra (33-Kushmandi (SC)—South Dinajpur)
260. Roy, Shri Saugata (148-Alipore—Calcutta)
261. Roychowdhury, Shri Goutam (260-Asansol—Burdwan)
262. Rubi Noor, Shrimati (48-Sujapur—Malda)

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263. Saha, Shri Kripa Sindhu (191-Dhaniakhali (SC)—Hooghly)
264. Sahis, Shrimati Bilasi (240-Para (SC)—Purulia)
265. Sanyal, Shri Kamalendu (70-Palashipara—Nadia
266. Sarkar, Shri Deba Prasad (103-Joynagar—South 24-Parganas)
267. Sarkar, Shri Nayan (79-Hanskhali (SC)—Nadia)
268. Sarkar, Shri Sisir (201-Panskura East—Midnapore)
269. Sarkar, Shri Sisir Kumar (57-Nabagram—Murshidabad)
270. Sen, Dr. Anupam (20-Jalpaiguri—Jalpaiguri)
271. Sen, Shri Dhiren (289-Mahammad Bazar—Birbhum)
272. Sen, Dr. Sankar Kumar (138-Dum Dum—North 24-Parganas)
273. Sengupta, Shri Dipak (6-Sitai—Cooch Behar)
274. Sen Gupta (Bose), Shrimati Kamal (87-Habra—North 24-Parganas)
275. Sen Gupta, Shri Prabir (187-Bansberia—Hooghly)
276. Seth, Shri Bhpendranath (85-Bongaon—North 24-Parganas)
277. Seth, Shri Lakshman Chandra (205-Sutahata (SC)—Midnapore)
278. Shaw, Dr. Pravin Kumar (133-Titagarh—North 24-Parganas)
279. Shish Mohammad, Shri (52-Suti—Murshidabad)
280. Sinha, Shri Atish Chandra (65-Kandi—Murshidabad)
281. Sinha, Shri Khagendra Nath (31-Raiganj (SC)—North Dinajpur)
282. Sinha, Dr. Nirmal (121-Magrahat East (SC)—South 24-Parganas)
283. Sinha, Shri Prabodh Chandra (213-Egra—Midnapore)
284. Singh, Shri Lagan Deo (162-Howrah North—Howrah)
285. Sk. Jahangir Karim, Shri (218-Debra—Midnapore)
286. Soren, Shri Khara (36-Tapan (ST)—South Dinajpur)
287. Soren, Shri Subhas Chandra (229-Nayagram (ST)—Midnapore)
288. Sur, Shri Prasanta Kumar (150-Tollygunge—Calcutta)
289. Syed Nawab Jani Meerza, Shri (56-Bhagabangola—Murshidabad)
290. Talukdar, Shri Pralay (164-Howrah South—Howrah)
291. Tirkey, Shri Manohar (11-Kalchini (ST)—Jalpaiguri)
292. Toppo, Shri Salib (10-Kumargram (ST)—Jalpaiguri)
293. Touab Ali, Shri (51-Aurangabad—Murshidabad)
294. Unus Sarkar, Shri (59-Jalangi—Murshidabad)
295. Vacant (243 - Hura - Purulia)

Proceedings of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly assembled under the provisions of the Constitution of India

The Assembly met in the Legislative Chamber of the Assembly House, Calcutta on Thursday, the 8th February 1996 at 3.00 p.m.

P R E S E N T

Mr. Speaker (Shri Hashim Abdul Halim) 24 Ministers, 13 Ministers of State and 198 Members.

Mr. Speaker received the Governor in the Entrance Hall where a procession was formed in the following order :-

Marshal

Secretary

Speaker

Governor

Secretary to the Governor

ADC

All members present rose in their seats as the procession entered the Chamber and remained standing until the Governor took his seat.

The Governor ascended the dias by the steps on the west and took his seat, and the Speaker occupied the seat to the right of the Governor, Members resumed their seats. The National Anthem was then played when all present rose in their seats and resumed seats after the Anthem was over.

The Governor addressed the West Bengal Legislative Assembly as follows :

Hon'ble Speaker and Distinguished Members of the August House

I extend a warm welcome to all of you to the first session of the Vidhan Sabha during the current year. I also extend to you my greetings for the New Year. At the outset we note with great regret the passing away of Surbashri Shaukat Ali, Jokhilal Mondal, Amiya Kisku, Shib Kumar Rai, Pulin Bera and Janab Muzzaffar Hossain all former Members of the House. We recall with deep sorrow the passing away of Shri Morarji Desai, former Prime Minister of India and the tragic demise of Shri Beant Singh, former Chief Minister of Punjab. We also mourn the deaths of Shri Rabin Sen of the CPI(M), Sm. Kalpana Joshi, veteran freedom fighter, Sm. Ashapurna Devi, eminent Bengali writer and winner of Gyanpith Award and Shri Salil Chowdhury, the maestro of modern music. We also deeply mourn the sad demise of Shri N. T. Rama Rao, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh.

2. The law and order situation in the State remained satisfactory during the year 1995. My government laid emphasis on timely intervention by the Police, proper and timely investigation and prosecution of offenders. Measures were also taken to modernise the police force in the State. The communal situation in the State remained peaceful. Necessary steps to constitute the Minorities Development Corporation are being taken and it is expected that the Corporation will start functioning soon.

Two Kashmiri militants and two others suspected to have links with Kashmiri militants were arrested on the West Bengal-Bangladesh border during the year. The activities of the Pakistani ISI have been kept under close watch. The activities of the Bodo extremists in the districts of Cooch Behar and Jalpaiguri, bordering Assam, have been causing concern. Police vigilance in this area has been stepped up. The Nepalis of Bhutan origin living in camps in Nepal have stepped up their activities and have given a call to organise a procession from Nepal to Thimpu. The recent case of air dropping of sophisticated arms in Purulia is a matter of serious concern and calls for vigilance and coordinated action on the part of national agencies concerned with the security of the country. Because of the likely international ramifications, my Gov-

ernment have handed over the investigation of the case to the CBI.

3. Darjeeling remained generally peaceful. My Government continued its dialogue with Shri Subhash Ghisingh regarding the functioning of the Council and constitution of the two-tier Panchayat system in the hill area of Darjeeling. Elections to the Gram Panchayats in the Darjeeling hill areas were held in March 1995. It has not been possible so far to provide for smooth flow of funds to the Gram Panchayats owing to certain issues raised by the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council. In the absence of any fund flow from the Council to the Gram Panchayats my Government had to release some funds directly to the Panchayat bodies to enable them to discharge their functions.

4. My Government has initiated various steps to provide necessary infrastructural facilities for the judiciary. The programmes include construction of court buildings, residential quarters for the High Court Judges and judicial officers and also providing of various amenities to the courts. Construction and improvement of court buildings have been undertaken at Alipore, Barasat, Diamond Harbour, Suri, Kalimpong and Asansol. Administrative approval has been accorded for construction of court buildings at Kalyani, Haldia, Howrah and Raniganj. During the year five Lok Adalats were held at Purulia, Jalpaiguri, Dakshin Dinajpur, Calcutta and Birbhum. A Legal Aid Camp was held at Jamalpur in Burdwan. The long standing demand of the people of Kalimpong has been met with the setting up of a Circuit Court of the Sessions Judge. Bengali has been introduced as court language in the courts of Munsifs, Judicial Magistrates, SDJMs and CJMs in the districts of Burdwan, Nadia, Cooch Behar and Murshidabad. With the disposal of the case by the High Court of Calcutta, We have initiated steps to make the State Administrative Tribunal fully functional which will help in speedy disposal of cases.

5. My Government continued its efforts to improve the living conditions in the jails and necessary infrustructure has been created to convert jails into correctional service institutions. Two sub-divisional jails were opened at Bolpur and Durgapur during the year.

6. As part of my Government's efforts towards decentralisation of administration, six new sub-divisions have been created at Canning, Kakdwip, Baruipur, Bidhannagar, Tehatta and Kharagpur. Creation of Chanchol and Gangarampur sub-divisions is also under process. My Government has continued to lay emphasis on the improvement of infrastructural facilities at the field level, training of officers and staffs at various levels and vigilance.

7. The West Bengal State Human Rights Commission is now functional. The Commission successfully organised seminars on the human rights situation. The administration at different levels has been given clear instructions to ensure timely submission of reports to the State and the National Commissions.

.....(at this stage Hon'ble Member Shri Haripada Jana fell ill and the Governor stopped his address).....

The remainder of my address should be taken as read

8. I had, in my previous address, referred to the position relating to the implementation of the 1975 Indo-Bangladesh Boundary Agreement. My Government has, from time to time, taken up with the Government of India, particularly in the context of implementation of the Tinbigha Agreement, to arrange for quick implementation of the boundary agreement. Unfortunately, however, there is no substantial progress in this regard. My Government will continue to urge upon the Central Government the need for urgent resolution of the issue.

9. During the year 1995 our State suffered a number of natural calamities. The cyclonic storm in May 1995 caused serious damage in the districts of North and South 24-Parganas and Midnapore. Necessary relief was provided to the affected people and work on restoration was taken in hand. Heavy rainfall owing to deep depression between 26th and 28th September 1995 accompanied by a huge discharge of water from Maithon, Panchet and Massenjore dams resulted in serious flood in the districts of Birbhum, Murshidabad, Bankura, Burdwan, Hooghly and Howrah. Very heavy rainfall during the same period caused severe floods in Malda, Dakshin Dinajpur and Uttar Dinajpur. Large areas of

Murshidabad and Nadia were also inundated. More than 78 lakh people in 117 blocks were affected and 216 persons lost their lives. Apart from the relief provided from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund my Government sanctioned ex-gratia @ Rs.20,000/- to the families of those who lost their lives. Besides providing shelter and relief, a sum of Rs.6.50 crore was sanctioned for house building and repairs. A memorandum on the floods was submitted to the Government of India and requirement of Rs.631.99 crore for repairs/restoration was indicated. So far my Government has not received any allocation based on these demands for certain additional allocation under Border Area Development Programme and Jawahar Rozgar Yojana/India Awas Yojana. A sum of Rs.1.53 crore was released from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for restoration/repairs of the school buildings damaged during the floods.

10. The total irrigation potential created uptil 1994-95 was 13.47 lakh hectare. Additional 72,000 hectare is anticipated at an outlay of Rs.105 crore during 1995-96. The area reasonably protected from flood waters with improved drainage facilities during 1995 was 22,000 hectare bringing the total area covered so far to 21.24 lakh hectare. During the visit of the Tenth Finance Commission a representation for special assistance to check the erosion of Ganga-Padma river system was submitted. The Finance Commission has since recommended a special assistance of Rs.20 crore during 1996-97 for the project. The NABARD has sanctioned a loan assistance of Rs.14.86 crore for completion of seven ongoing watershed management schemes in the State which are scheduled to be completed by the end of the Eighth Five-Year Plan.

The total irrigation potential created under minor irrigation sector, at the end of 1994-95, was 28.94 lakh hectare. Additional potential of 80,000 hectare is expected to be created during 1995-96. The NABARD sanctioned a loan of Rs.70.175 crore for completion of some additional RLI schemes. The State Water Investigation Directorate is conducting an exhaustive mouza-wise census of minor irrigation works in the State and this is expected to be completed by March 1997.

11. Arsenic contamination of ground water in some districts calls

for immediate action. The first phase action plan along with the allied works to combat arsenic menace is under execution at an estimated cost of around Rs.12 crore. Another scheme has been launched at a cost of Rs.88.48 crore to benefit about 6.12 lakh persons living in the five arsenic affected blocks of Malda district. Similar surface water-based water supply schemes for arsenic affected North and South 24-Parganas have been prepared and the Government of India has been moved for financial sanction. A second phase action plan costing approximately Rs.75 crore under Arsenic Sub-Mission is under preparation.

12. Hon'ble Members are aware that land reforms including distribution of land to the landless agricultural labour has been one of the major achievements of my Government. 28.82 lakh acre of land has so far been vested, out of which 12.80 lakh acres is agricultural land. So far 9.82 lakh acre has been distributed among 22.71 lakh beneficiaries. 14.66 lakh share-croppers have also been recorded in the record of rights. The number of beneficiaries under the West Bengal Acquisition of Homestead Act is 2.71 lakh. The survey and settlement operations under the WBLR Act 1955 are nearing completion. The records of right have been finally published in respect of 33,496 mouzas out of 42,067 mouzas in the State.

13. My Government takes pride in having established a strong Panchayat system in the State through a process of regular elections at different levels. A systematic training programme covering 70,000 members of the three-tier Panchayats followed by a programme involving 6,000 office-bearers of gram panchayats, special programme for 756 women office-bearers a training programme for persons of Sthayee Samitis are nearing completion. In line with the constitutional requirement, District Planning Committees have been constituted under the West Bengal District Planning Committees Act and Rules 1994. The National Social Assistance Programme is being implemented with the active participation of Panchayats and Municipalities. The Jawahar Rozgar Yojana was launched in 1989-90 and till March '95 has resulted in generation of 3249.77 lakh mandays. Under the Indira Awas Yojana, in the current financial year, 10,963 houses have so far been constructed

and 4,132 are under construction. Under the Employment Assurance Scheme Rs.52.37 crore was spent during 1995-96 till November 1995. Under the IRDP over 1.59 lakh families were assisted during 1994-95 and during the current financial year till November 1995 over 82,000 families have been assisted. Under TRYSEM 9,270 youths were trained during the year till November 1995. Under the programme for Development of Women and Children in rural areas 3,220 groups have been formed till March 1995 and 330 such groups were formed during 1995-96. Against a target of construction of 23,362 sanitary latrines 37,661 latrines were constructed during 1994-95. 25,816 latrines have been constructed during the year till November 1995 against an annual target of 23,362.

14. Since 1991-92 West Bengal has continued to achieve record production of foodgrains. An all-time record of 132.79 lakh ton of foodgrains was attained in 1994-95 of which production of rice along was 122.35 lakh ton. Inspite of the floods affecting different parts of the State, the target production of 127.82 lakh ton of foodgrains for 1995-96 is expected to be achieved. Two new faculties for Horticulture and Agricultural Engineering have been created under the Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyalay during the year. The North Bengal Terai Development Project for creation of small scale irrigation, soil conservation and improvement was launched in January 1995 with an outlay of Rs.33 crore.

15. The West Bengal University of Animal and Fishery Sciences was inaugurated during the year.Drive against Khatals in urban areas of Calcutta and Howrah was intensified. During the floods it was possible to prevent outbreak of infectious diseases through free distribution of 20,000 Foot and Mouth disease vaccines and other medicines. Measures have also been undertaken to control pollution from dairy waste. The Mother Dairy's capacity has been increased to six lakhs litre per day and 3rd Metro Dairy ready for commissioning will add another six lakh litre per day within a few months.

16. West Bengal continues to be in the forefront in fish seed production in the country. The State won the National Productivity Council

Award for the eighth time successively. Frazerganj Fishing Harbour has been completed and commissioned during the year for operation of 300 mechanised vessels. The second phase of Sankarpur Fishing Harbour has been sanctioned. Insurance coverage under the accident insurance component of the National Welfare of Fishermen Scheme has been increased from Rs.25,000 to Rs.35,000. Ten model villages for fishermen were set up under the National Welfare Scheme. Three more such villages are expected to be set up during this year. The integrated Brackish Water Aqua Culture Development Project at a cost of Rs.13 crore is being implemented at the Nayachar Island in Midnapore with the assistance of the NCDC.

17. The Forest Department has laid special emphasis on improvement of trees besides traditional forestry management like protection and afforestation. Under the scheme of joint forest management, about 3,000 Forest Protection Committees have been formed with the villagers of forest fringe areas belonging to SC & ST communities and a section of the members will start getting usufructs by way of 25% of net value of timber and other products to be harvested in South Bengal as a result of their effort in protecting the forests for more than five years. Various inputs such as earthen dams, irrigation channels, tubewells, smokeless chullas, etc. are being provided to the members. The externally aided West Bengal Forestry Project is in its penultimate year. The externally aided India Eco Development Project is being taken up in Buxa Tiger Reserve of Jalpaiguri district. A loan agreement with Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund, Japan has been finalised for strengthening the West Bengal Pollution Control Board and the first phase has been initiated.

18. The Sunderban Development Board has been engaged, since inception, in area development programmes. The activities include the construction of 1,200 km of brick-paved roads, 43 jetties, 63 culverts etc. apart from creation of 4,000 hectares of mangrove plantation. In addition the activities extent to improvement of agriculture and animal husbandry practice.

The Jhargram Development Board is engaged in coordinating the

activities of concerned departments for integrated development in Jhargram sub-division. Emphasis is given on updating of land records, development of primitive tribes and watershed management. The West Bengal Comprehensive Area Development Corporation continued to undertake area development programmes throughout the State. Under the Digha Development Scheme steps have been taken to create infrastructural facilities for tourist, institutional support to various agencies, prepare projects for protection against coastal erosion and environmental pollution. A scheme for sewerage and drainage facilities at Digha township was sanctioned during the current year. Under the Integrated Rural EnergyProgramme 30 blocks/panchayat samitis have been selected to provide non-conventional energy sources.

19. West Bengal has a broad-based network of Public Distribution System covering 6.85 crore ration card holders being served through a network of 20,340 retail shops. The scheme of distribution of subsidised rice to the landless agricultural labourers during the lean season was implemented involving a subsidy of Rs.15 crore. Under the revamped PDS in the State 71.23 lakh persons of most distressed areas in 128 blocks of ITDP areas, Drought prone Areas and designated hill areas have got access to essential commodities at subsidised prices. It has not been possible to maintain adequate stocks of wheat owing to difficulties in rake movement and the matter has been taken up with the FCI and the Food Ministry.

Against a monthly requirement of 1,62 lakh kl of kerosene only about 80,000 KL is allocated by the Government of India to the State resulting in acute deficit in supply. Allotment of edible oil to the State has not also been adequate. The price situation of all essential commodities is monitored regularly.

20. The co-operative sector continued to provide the necessary support and assistance both in the urban and the rural areas. 21 Women's Co-operative Credit Societies have been organised in the last few years with a membership of 70,000 and working capital of Rs.1.25 crore.

21. My Government has taken a decision to grant title deeds to

the refugees in 998 colonies on lands belonging to the Government. The distribution of freehold title deeds to refugees settled in the colonies approved for regularisation by the Government of India is continuing and so far about 1,90,492 deeds have been distributed.

22. According to the 1991 census the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities in the State respectively constitute 23.6% and 5.6% of the total population. Various programmes to provide assistance to the student community and family oriented programmes were undertaken. 55 new Ashram type hostels with 20 seats in each are being constructed for SC & ST students in Secondary and Junior High Schools. In pursuance of the recommendations of the West Bengal Backward Classes Commission my Government has so far notified 38 classes as Other Backward Classes and kept 5% of the vacancies in direct recruitment reserved in services and posts under the State Government, local and statutory authorities, corporations etc. A Backward Classes Development & Finance Corporation is being set up and it is expected to start functioning soon. Reservation in employment and in admission to educational institutions is followed up.

23. The Housing Department has been executing various housing schemes like construction of rental flats for State Government employees, hostels for working women, LIG/MIG flats etc. and during the current financial year 396 such units are expected to be completed. The West Bengal Housing Board has implemented the district housing scheme Phase I for economically weaker sections with advance of loan to 6,509 beneficiaries. Phase II has just commenced and it is expected to cover 10,480 beneficiaries. Cash loan scheme for primary school teachers and employees of the district primary school councils and West Bengal Board of Primary Education, for construction of 950 dwelling houses for MIG and 300 dwelling units for LIG has been taken up. The Housing Board has also been implementing a number of Housing Projects at Kasba-Godsa, Thakurpukur, Rajapur and ECTP Phase IV at a cost of Rs.22.50 crore. The Housing Board has also taken up two joint sector projects at Rajapur and Mondalganthi.

24. For development of infrastructural facilities in CMD Area, a

comprehensive scheme, known as Calcutta Megacity Programme has been launched with an estimated outlay of Rs.1,600 crore of which Rs.1,200 crore will be organised by the State Government (Rs.400 crore as budgetary grant and Rs.800 crore as loan from financial institutions) and remaining Rs.400 crore will be obtained from the Central Government. The programme will be spread over eight years. During the current financial year, the Sanctioning Committee of the project has already cleared 38 schemes with an estimated cost of Rs.244 crore in different sectors namely water supply, drainage and sanitation, solid waste management, Traffic & Transportation, Bustee Improvement and Housing & New Area Development. During 1994-95, a sum of Rs.44.41 crore was expended for the programme which included the State Budgetary Share of Rs.28.31 crore and the Central share of Rs.16.10 crore. During the current financial year the State Government has so far released Rs.34.50 crore land the Central Government has released Rs.8.35 crore only.

25. Under the scheme of Urban Micro Enterprise of NRY around 34,000 people living below the poverty line have been self-employed, while mandays created under schemes for Urban Wage Employment of NRY is around 34 lakh. Prime Minister's Integrated Urban Poverty Eradication Programme has been introduced in 18 selected Class II citites with assistance from the Central Government and the State Government. The programme of liberation of scavengers has been taken up with due priority and it is expected to do away with the system of manual disposal of night soil by March 1997. The West Bengal Fire Services Act, 1950 is being amended to cope with the present-day need of the big cities. The fire services are being modernised through introduction of sophisticated equipments and setting up of new Fire Stations. The Fire Service Station set-up at Midnapore has been shifted to a new building. Establishment of new Fire Stations and construction of permanent buildings for seven Fire Stations are in progress.

26. Elections to 82 Municipalities including the Calcutta Municipal Corporation were held by the State Election Commission during July, 1995 with reservation for Women, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled

Tribes, while the Notified Areas in Bidhannagar and Kalyani have been converted into Municipalities, constitution of a notified area at Coopers' Camp at Nadia is in final stage.

27. The State Health System Development Project has been prepared with the assistance of World Bank and grant from the State Government at a total cost of Rs.6,868.97 million. Under the Project renovation/extension of 95 Rural Hospitals, 60 Sub-divisional/State General Hospitals and 15 District Hospitals will be taken up. In the Sunderban areas the network of mobile clinics in vans and launches will be established. Eight Block Primary Health Centres and 28 Primary Health Centres will be upgraded. The special drive of pulse polio for all children of the age group of 0-3 years was taken up in the State on 9th December, 1995 and 20th December, 1995 and 97.8% on 20th January, 1996. An increasing trend in the incidence of malaria has been observed in some parts of the State since 1994. My Government has taken various measures to tackle the situation. In Calcutta alone 63 Malaria Clinics including the hospitals are functioning for diagnosis and treatment. In all the endemic districts anti-malaria spray operation has been strengthened. In Calcutta Larvicidal spray with fogging has been intensified.

In order to meet the perennial problem of Primary Health Centres which are going without Medical Officers, special steps are being taken by my Government to appoint General Duty Medical Officers on contract basis. The number of sanctioned ICDS Projects, both Centrally Sponsored and those in the State Sector is 276 and at present 196 are fully operational. Some more are expected to become operational during the year. About 4,000 regular workers, majority of whom are women, and 57,600 voluntary workers are engaged in these projects. About 25 lakh beneficiaries are covered under the schemes. Supplementary nutrition is given to all children within the age group of six months to six years in ICDS areas. Adolescent Girls scheme has been operational in the districts of Jalpaiguri, Malda, Murshidabad and Purulia. With the help of CARE, training under Acute Respiratory Infection Programme has been continuing in four ICDS Blocks. Several schemes for provid-

ing income generation to needy women have been taken up and residential service for children in Government Homes are provided. The five Juvenile Welfare Boards have so far restored 2,000 neglected children to their parents or guardians. Residential services for destitute children
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under non-government organisations were provided. During the current financial year 33,143 old persons, 10,363 widows and 6,073 disabled persons received financial assistance under the pension scheme of the State. 24 NGOs have taken up schemes for the welfare of the street children. There are also some reputed NGOs who are engaged in need-based programme and rehabilition of the disabled. A Home for 25 children of unfortunate fallen women has been started and one ICDS Project has also been started for their benefit. A Women Development Undertaking has been registered under the Companies' Act and it is expected to start functioning shortly.

28. The Centenary of cinema was celebrated through the International Film Festival organised by my Government during the second week of November 1995. A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with the Government of Italy for setting up of a Video-cum-Training Centre at Salt Lake, the construction work of which will start shortly. Construction work for the Centenary Cinema Complex at the former Radha Studio at Tollygunj will also commence shortly. The foundation stone for a new building for the State Archaeological Museum has been laid and the construction work will start soon. The Bangla Academy has been made autonomous. It is proposed to construct a new theatre complex "Banga Natya Bhavan" at Acharya Jagadish Chandra Bose Road. Necessary steps for construction of a modern Cultural Complex at Rowdon Square have been initiated.

29. The District Primary Education Programme, taken up with the financial assistance from Overseas Development Administration has made considerable progress in the districts of Cooch Behar, Bankura, Birbhum, Murshidabad and South 24-Parganas. It has been decided to initially bring 20 Primary Schools in each district within the scope of the "Minimum Level of Learning Scheme". The Centrally Sponsored Mid-day Meal Scheme has been introduced in 128 Blocks.

The West Bengal Board of Madrasha Education has been set-up as a statutory body. A School Service commission is proposed to be set-up.

The Technical Education Project assisted by the World Bank and the Skill Development Programmes are under implementation. A new Women's Polytechnic has been started in Siliguri during 1995-96 with diploma courses in Electronics, Tele-communication and Architecture. New Diploma course in Engineering has been introduced in the existing 12 Polytechnics from the academic session 1995-96. In order to cope with the demand for admission to Polytechnics the total intake capacity has been increased by over 20% during the current session. For women, courses in new Trades have been introduced in the ITIs at Howrah, Kalyani, Calcutta, Burdwan and Siliguri New Courses have also been introduced at the Basic Training Centre in Hooghly and Related Instruction Centre in Calcutta.

18 districts of the State excluding the Hill areas of Darjeeling have been brought under the fold of total literacy campaign. So far twelve districts have adopted post-literacy campaign and continuing education. According to the report of External Evaluation, 70.54 lakh learners in 12 districts out of the total target of 138.63 lakh for 19 districts have achieved functional literacy as per NLMA norms.

There are 34 institutions for Education and Training of the blind, deaf and dumb and mentally retarded children and these are provided grants by the Government. There are 10 State Welfare Homes and 46 aided Welfare Homes in the State including 8 Destitute Homes for imparting school education and other vocational education to the orphan boys and girls. Construction of the building of the State Central Library is nearing completion. The construction of District Library in Asansol is in progress.

Construction work including Boys' and Girls' Hostels in Vidyasagar University has been undertaken. The State Council of Higher Education has started functioning. New subjects have been sanctioned in different Government colleges. Administrative approval for renovation of Darjeeling

College, construction of staff quarters in Haldia Government College etc. has been given. A Girls' Hostel in Salt Lake for the Presidency College is nearing completion. The Kalyani Engineering College has started functioning during 1995-96 with three branches of Engineering Computer Science & Technology, Electronics & Tele-communication Engineering and Mechanical. A post-graduate course has been introduced at the College of Textile Technology in Serampore. During the year, for extension of education in predominantly SC & ST and minority areas, new non-Government Colleges have been sanctioned at Kaliachak, Bijonbari, Raidighi, Arambagh, Dalkhola etc. Extension of affiliation to various new subject, including Urdu has been accorded in different colleges in remote and backward areas. Financial assistance has been provided for re-construction of the colleges affected during the recent floods in North Bengal.

A building to house the Urdu Academy is under construction at Hazi Mohammed Mohsin Square at an estimated cost of Rs.74.41 lakh Construction of a new functional building of State Archives is in progress. The State Book Board has so far published more than 600 titles on various subjects of which 20 were published during the current financial year and 6 more are in the process of publication. My Government has provided necessary assistance to promote and popularise the NCC.

30. The Department of Science & Technology supported a number of research oriented and development projects of the Universities, Research Laboratories and Colleges during the current financial year. A large number of organisations were assisted for implementing science popularisation activities land 14 schemes for entrepreneurship development were taken up during the year. The Renewable Energy Development Agency has implemented a large number of projects of Bio-gas plant, Solar Thermal Programme and Solar Photo Voltaic Programme. A massive programme on utilisation of wind energy in the coastal area has been launched. A survey on setting up of a tidal Power Plant of 2 MV capacity has been completed and the plant is expected to be installed during the next financial year. The fourth State Science Congress is scheduled to be held in 1996-97 and it is noteworthy that the deliberations are held in Bengali.

31. Development of social and physical infrastructures is essential for the overall development of the State. While various steps to promote new schools, hospitals etc. have been taken, measures to improve the physical infrastructure have also been strengthened. Major bridges over the river Bidyadhari, Jamuna, Torsa near Cooch Behar town, Punarbhava, Ilandi, Ajoy etc. have been taken up for construction. Sanction has recently been given and funds allocated for construction of a bridge over Sil Torsa. During the current financial year bridges over Tangan, Kulik, Thakurani, Churni, Punarbhava are expected to be completed.

Work relating to widening and strengthening of roads in different districts has been taken up. Two MOUs were signed in September 1995 for construction of a bridge at Jangipur in Murshidabad land construction of Calcutta-Haldia Expressway on BOT basis. The ADB-aided project of Binaguri, Mourigram Road and NH2 and NH34 has made substantial progress.

The work on Durgapur Expressway is progressing satisfactorily. In the National Highway Sector, however, maintenance and improvement is becoming increasingly difficult owing to reduction of funds from the Government of India. The expenditure incurred on this account during the past few years has not been fully reimbursed by the Government of India. Similarly required funds for restoration after the recent floods have also not been released by the Government of India.

32. In the field of transport, my Government is continuing its efforts to augment the fleet strength and the area of operation of State Transport Services. 499 new buses and four launches were introduced by the State Transport Undertakings during 1995-96. Steps were also taken to improve the efficiency of the State Transport Organisations. The NBSTC was awarded the National Productivity Award in 1995. Steps were taken to improve the infrastructural facilities including mid-day passenger amenities. Modern Bus Terminals for passengers have been set up in Calcutta and Berhampore and three new jetties and four transport ferries are under construction These are expected to be commissioned shortly. Setting up of flyovers for pedestrins, introduction

of traffic engineering schemes, ban on registration of cars without catalytic connector in Metropolitan areas, setting up of Auto Emission Testing Centres in Calcutta and other districts and restriction on Certificates of Fitness for vehicles without "Pollution under Control" certificate are some of the measures introduced to improve traffic and check pollution. Measures to improve the functional efficiency of Vidyasagar Setu have been in progress. A portion of Kona Expressway and Howrah Drainage Canal Road have been completed and construction of concrete pavement on Strand Road and Foreshore Road has been taken up.

33. During the current financial year two units of the Rammam HEP Stage II have been commissioned creating 35.25 MW of additional generating capacity. NTPC Farakka has commissioned another unit of 500 MW. The total installed capacity in the State now stands at 5481.5 MW.

High Tension connections were provided to 111 industries till November 1995 for drawing about 32.2 MW of power. Permission for drawal of additional 1.3 MW power has been given in favour of 3 existing units. 82,000 new connections were given to various other categories of consumers. During the period upto November 1995, 65 mouzas were electrified and 1,362 pumpsets were energised. 1,852 service connections were given under the Kutir Jyoti Lok Deep Scheme. The commissioning of NBU-Rammam 132 KV line via Lebong has improved the quality of power supply to Darjeeling and Kurseong sub-divisions. Stress has been given on strengthening, extending and augmenting the transmission and distribution system. The ongoing projects include completion of the remaining part of the Rammam-HEP Stage II, TCF Project of the SEB and Bakreswar TPP.

34. The industrial relation scenario continued to be generally peaceful and mandays lost registered an appreciable decline. The charter of demands for the Jute industry could be settled on 2nd December, 1995 after a brief strike. Apart from the financial benefits the industry has agreed to make 10,000 workers permanent. The industry wise settlement for the Cotton Textile industry was settled on 11th June, 1995. The State Rules under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation)

Act were notified in 1995.

The annexe building of ESI Hospital at Kamarhati has been completed and Female Ward with 21 beds was commissioned in July 1995. Construction of 100 bedded Hospital in Durgapur is nearing completion.

35. In the tourism sector attention has been paid to the upkeep and maintenance of existing facilities and development of new tourist centres. The 31st Convention of the Federation of Hotels and Restaurants Association of India and the 44th Travel Agents Association of India convention were held in Calcutta in September 1995. A master plan for tourism development has been drawn up. Steps have been taken for construction of new tourist lodges in Midnapore, Shankarpur, Bankura, Nadia, Jalpaiguri and Cooch Behar. Investment by the private sector in tourist Village Resort in Chalsha Hill Top in Jalpaiguri, development of passenger ropeway at Digha, Tourist Resort at Amtala in 24-Parganas (South), Panchwati Tourist Resort in Howrah and a number of other big hotel projects. Tourism has been recognised as an industry and appropriate incentives are being worked out. The Great Eastern Hotel made operating profits during 1994-95.

36. My Government continues to stress the importance of Cottage and Small Scale Industries in providing overall growth and for securing employment. In respect of PMRY it is expected that 22,900 cases would be covered during 1995-96. A more positive role is needed on the part of financial institutions to improve the performance in this area. In 1995-96, 7,000 SSI units are expected to be set up creating employment opportunities for about 21,000 people. 7,500 bio-gas plants are expected to be set up during the year. It has been decided to set up the readymade garment complex, gems and jewellery complex, plastic and polymer complex, foundry complex, powerloom complex, hossiery complex and drug and pharmaceutical complex. Work on the leather project is expected to commence soon.

The net area under mulberry plantation is expanding and the production of silk is expected to reach 1,500 MT by the end of 1996-97. In hand-spinning 50,000 women living below poverty line are sought to be supported by setting up raw materials bank branches of cocoons.

There are over 3.38 lakh handlooms in the State with over 3 lakh weavers. 61,700 more weavers are dependant partly on the handloom sector. Besides over 3 lakh persons are engaged in preparatory works. Up to November, 1995 about 1.50 lakh weavers could be brought under the cooperative fold. As against the target of covering 18,000 weavers under provident fund/thrift fund scheme, 17,681 weavers have already been covered upto October, 1995. A Computer Aided Design Centre for handloom products and readymade garments has been set up at the ETDC in Calcutta.

37. A modular Food Park sponsored by the Food Processing Industries Department is being set up at Dankuni to accommodate a large number of food processing units. 60 proposals for setting up new food processing units are under process. Some of these are export-oriented and have collaboration arrangements with foreign companies. Special attention is being given to production and processing of mushroom. A process-cum-production centre has been set up to give in-plant service and to train up enterpreneurs. The offices of the licensing authority under the Ministry of Food Processing, Government of India and the Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority under the Ministry of Commerce have been relocated along with the Food Processing Industries Department of the State at one place at Mayukh in Bidhan Nagar.

38. The State Warehousing Corporation has been earning profits while the Saraswati Press Ltd. and the Electro-Medical and Allied Industries Ltd. have started earning profits. The Electro-Medical and Allied Industries Ltd. have undertaken a project at a cost of Rs.10 crore for the manufacture of disposable blood bags. While promoting cottage, small and big industries my Government has continued to pay attention to the revival of closed and sick units in the State. A policy package has been formulated specifying reliefs and concessions that may be extended to units coming under the purview of the BIFR to support a revival package. Till December 1995, 154 units including jute mills and 21 central public sector undertakings have been reported to the BIFR. Of these, rehabilitation packages have been sanctioned in respect of 32

units, 22 cases were rejected while winding up has been recommended in respect to two units. As regards non-BIFR units it has been possible to restart the Bengal Paper Mills, Veegal Engines & Engineering Industries and Bharat Electrical Industries Ltd. through locating new entrepreneurs. Efforts are on for restarting the National Tannery. 34 sick units employing about 29,500 persons have been enjoying the status of relief undertaking.

39. The State's commendable achievement in land reform, rural development, literacy, small scale industries and power has placed us in a very advantageous position to plan for rapid industrial development. My Government has, since 1991, made concerted efforts to augment the social and physical infrastructure and to attract industrial investments in the State. A policy statement on industrial development of the State was issued by my Government highlighting our strength and codifying our policy.

Easy availability of raw materials, a comfortable power situation, skilled human resources, stable social and political environment, communal harmony and conductive industrial relations are some of the major advantages of this State for industrial development. Proximity to the fast developing economies of South-East Asia and the Asia-Pacific adds further strength to West Bengal as a destination of investment. A large number of high powered delegations from various countries like USA, UK, Japan, Denmark, South Africa, Australia, etc. visited the State and held discussions with the Government and the various chambers of commerce. A very close liason with the chambers of commerce and industry has been maintained. As a consequence of these factors, in recent months, there has been a quantum spurt in the matter of industrial approvals for the State. During 1994 the State Government received 212 industrial approvals involving an investment of Rs.2,189.63 crore. In the eleven months of the calendar year 1995, 349 approvals were received for a proposed investment of Rs.9,182.35 crore. In the sphere of Foreign Direct Investment, the State has occupied to second position amongst all the States of the country next only to Maharashtra.

At the present moment there are around 70 projects involving an

investment of Rs.1,245 crore in the medium and large sectors under construction in various parts of the State. Implementation of many more projects is likely to commence very soon. The prestigious Haldia Petrochemical Project has been tied up in various aspects. The Project has a revised capacity of 4.20 lakh ton with a revised cost estimate of around Rs.5,000 crore. Loan assistance from various financing institutions with the active support of the IDBI has been tied up and the IDBI is currently in the process of assessing the revised cost estimates. Major technologies have been selected and technology agreements signed. A supply credit agreement has been entered into recently with Mitsubishi and Toyo. Works relating to construction power, water, warehouse, site office, roads, boundary walls etc. have been either completed or are nearing completion. Rehabilitation of the persons who have lost their land has also been completed. Planning exercises for development of polyparks and setting up of downstream industries are in progress. A project for setting up of a centre of the Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Tools at Haldia has been cleared.

As the Hon'ble Members are aware independent study reports have been submitted by Arthur D. Little and Price Waterhouse Associates. The State Government have commissioned Messrs. Partha S. Ghosh & Associates to conduct a district-wise study focussing at industrial potential and infrastructural development needs. In Durgapur an Export Promotion Industrial Park is being set up.

The WBIDC has continued to remain the focal point for attracting investments and for providing single window assistance. A joint sector company "I-WIN" has been formed between ICICI and WBIDC to take up projects relating to infrastructural development.

The hundred percent export-oriented unit, WEBEL SL Energy System Ltd., set up with foreign collaboration has started exporting renewable energy products like solar PV cells, modules and systems. International Ferrites Ltd. with ACC Matshu Shita, WEBEL and Siemens as partners is going ahead with its expansion programme at Kalyani for manufacture of the ferrites. The project Infinity—the Intelligent City, a future compatible infrastructure for IT industries and users is coming

up at the Salt Lake Electronic Complex.

40. At the End I wish to once again convey my greetings to the Hon'ble Members and I wish your deliberations all success.

JAI HIND

Proceedings of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly assembled under the provisions of the Constitution of India

The Assembly met in the Legislative Chamber of the Assembly House, Calcutta on Thursday, the 8th February 1996 at 4.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker (Shri Hashim Abdul Halim) in the Chair, 24 Ministers, 13 Ministers of State and 198 Members.

[4-30 - 4-35 p.m.]

Mr. Speaker : I inform the Hon'ble members that the Hon'ble member Shri Haripada Jana, who suddenly fell ill in the House during the Governor's Address, has been admitted in the S.S.K.M. Hospital in the Intensive Care Unit under Dr. Monotosh Panja. He is suffering from a heart blockade and other problems. His condition is still uncertain. His treatment is going on and whatever is necessary will be done.

PRESENTATION ON 85TH REPORT OF B.A. COMMITEE

Now, I beg to present the 85th Report of the Business Advisory Committee which is as follows :

Friday 9.2.96	11 a.m.	i) Obituary References
		ii) Laying of Rules, Reports, etc.
Monday 12.2.96	11 a.m.	i) Business remaining from 9.2.96 if any
		ii) Discussion on Governor's Address —4 hrs.
Tuesday 13.2.96	11 a.m.	Discussion on Governor's Address —4 hrs.
Thursday 15.2.96	11 a.m.	Discussion on Governor's Address —4 hrs.

Now, I request the Parliamentary Affairs Minister to move the

motion for acceptance of the House.

Shri Probodh Chandra Sinha : Sir, I beg to move the 85th Report of the Business Advisory Committee as presented in the House be agreed to.

The motion was then put and agreed to.

MOTION OF THANKS

Mr. Speaker : I beg to report that the Governor has been pleased to make a speech today and a copy of the speech has been placed on the Table.

Motion, if any, under rule 16(3) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly may now be moved

শ্রী ননী কর ঃ মিঃ স্পিকার, আমার প্রস্তাব হচ্ছে "মাননীয় রাজ্যপালকে তাঁহার ভাষণের প্রত্যুত্তরে নিম্নলিখিত মর্মে একটি সশ্রদ্ধ সম্ভাষণ পাঠানো হউক। 'মহামান্য রাজ্যপাল পশ্চিমবঙ্গ বিধানসভায় ৮ই ফেব্রুয়ারি ১৯৯৬ তারিখের অধিবেশনে যে ভাষণ প্রদান করিয়াছেন সেইজন্য এই সভা তাঁহাকে আন্তরিক ধন্যবাদ জ্ঞাপন করিতেছে।

শ্রী কৃপাসিন্ধু সাহা ঃ মহামান্য রাজ্যপালের ভাষণের উপর ননী কর মহাশয় যে ধন্যবাদসূচক প্রস্তাব উত্থাপন করেছেন, আমি তাকে সমর্থন জানাচ্ছি।

Hon'ble members, amendments to this Motion of Thanks will be received in the office upto 2 p.m. on Monday, the 12th February, 1996.

Adjournment

The House was adjourned at 4-35 p.m. till 11.00 a.m. on Friday, the 9th February, 1996 at the Assembly House, Calcutta.

Proceedings of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly assembled under the provisions of the Constitution of India

The Assembly met in the Legislative Chamber of the Assembly House, Calcutta on Friday, the 9th February 1996 at 11.00 a.m.

PRESENT

Mr. Speaker (Shri Hashim Abdul Halim) in the Chair, 9 Ministers, 3 Ministers of State and 127 Members.

[11-00—11-10 a.m.]

OBITUARY REFERENCES

Mr. Speaker : Hon'ble Members, I rise to perform a melancholy duty to refer to the sad demise of former members of this Legislature and Parliament and other eminent personalities in political and other spheres at home and abroad who passed away after the last session of the Assembly.

Shri Pulin Bera :

Shri Pulin Bera, former member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly breathed his last on the 24th November, 1995 at Thakurpukur Cancer Hospital after prolonged illness. He was 62.

Born on August 1, 1933 at Dakshin Changrachak, Midnapur Shri Bera was educated at Changrachak Rabindra Memorial Institution, Mahishadal Raj College, David Hare Training College and Calcutta University. He came of an agricultural family and by profession he was a teacher. He actively participated in different movements launched by C.P.I and afterwards by C.P.I(M). He was a front - ranking leader of the teachers' movement in Midnapur district.

He was elected to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly from Moyna, Midnapur Constituency as a C.P.I(M) candidate in 1982 and again in 1987.

The State has lost a veteran political leader at the demise of Shri Bera.

Shri G.A. Willson-de Roze :

Mr. George Albert Willson-de Roze, former member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly breathed his last on the 21st November, 1995 at B.M. Birla Heart Research Centre, Calcutta. He was 70.

Born on May 11, 1925 at Calcutta he was educated at St. Agnes Convent and St. Aloysus School, Howrah ; St. Xavier's College, City College, University College of Law, Calcutta University. He was a legal practitioner by profession. He was closely associated with many social organisations. Besides, being a member of the State Board for Anglo-Indian Education, he was the founder-member of the Vocational Guidance Society, Calcutta and the President of West Bengal State council of All India Anglo-Indian Association. He was a free-lance journalist and contributed numerous articles to various newspapers and magazines. His 'History of Anglo-Indian Community' published by Anglo-Indian Study Circle, Calcutta was acclaimed universally.

He was nominated to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly from the Anglo-Indian community in 1972 and continued as its member till the 1977.

The Anglo-Indian society of the State has lost one of its most dynamic leaders at his demise.

Dr. Biswanath Saha :

Dr. Biswanath Saha, former member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly breathed his last on the 23rd December, 1995 after a brief illness. He was 76.

Born on September 7, 1919 at Krishnagar, Hooghly Dr. Saha was educated at Jangipur High School, Bangabasi College, Calcutta and Calcutta Medical College. By profession he was a Medical Practitioner. He was associated with different institutions and organisations. He had been the member of the Jangipur Union Board, All India Medical

Association, Jangipur Branch and Bangiya Sahitya Parisad, Jangipur.

He was elected to the West Bengal Legislative Assembly from Jangipara, Hooghly Constituency as a Congress candidate in 1957 and also in 1962.

The State has lost a veteran political leader at the demise of Shri Saha.

Dr. Bejoy Kumar Mondal:

Dr. Bejoy Kumar Mondal, former member of Lok Sabha breathed his last on the 13th December 1995 at his residence in Bankura. He was 73.

Born on December 1, 1924 at Andharthole village, Bankura Shri Mondal was educated at Bankura Christian College, R. G. Kar Medical College, Calcutta and Calcutta University. By profession he was a medical practitioner. Initially he was associated with Hindu Maha Sabha and Jana Sangha. Later he joined Bharatiya Lok Dal. He was also associated with many educational and social organisations.

He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1977 from Bankura Constituency as a Bharatiya Lok Dal candidate.

The State has lost a senior political leader and a dedicated social worker at the demise of Shri Mondal.

Shri Amiya Nath Bose:

Shri Amiya Nath Bose, former member of Lok Sabha passed away at his Calcutta residence on the 27th January, 1996 following a heart attack. He was 80.

Shri Bose was born in an illustrious family of this country on November 20, 1915. He happened to be the son of the great political leader, Sarat Chandra Bose and nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Shri Bose was educated at Scottish Church College, Calcutta, Calcutta University and the Queen's college, Cambridge University. He was a Bar-at-Law and established himself as a successful counsel in

the High Court as well as the Supreme court. He took part in the country's political struggle as a member of the Indian National Congress and eventually came in close contact with Mahatma Gandhi, Mohammad Ali Jinnah and Jawaharlal Nehru. He was closely associated with many social and political organisations. During the period from 1942 to 1944 he was the Secretary of the Council for International Recognition of Independence in London and the General Secretary of the Bengal I.N.A. Committee in 1945-46. Since 1945 he was a member of the All India I.N.A. committee. He was one of the founder-members of the Netaji Hall Society, Calcutta. He was elected to the Lok-Sobha in 1967 from Arambagh Constituency as a Forward Block candidate. During 1978-80 he was Indian Ambassador to Myanamar. In 1980 he joined Bharatiya Janata Party.

The State has lost a veteran politician as well as a renowned legal practitioner at the demise of Shri Bose.

Shri Beant Singh :

Shri Beant Singh, Chief Minister of Pubjab was killed in a bomb blast by some terrorists in Chandigarh on the 31st August, 1995. He was 74.

Shri Singh was born on the 19th February, 1922 in Bilashpur Village of Ludhiana district. He did his matriculation from Okara now in Pakistan and got himself admitted in a college at Lahore for his graduation. At the age of 23 he joined the Army but after two years of service he devoted himself to social work. With the partition of the country and resultant division Punjab he stepped in the political arena of the then bleeding State. He started his political career in 1950 as a Sarpanch of his village. In 1960 he was elected Chairman of the Block Samiti of Doraha. He served as a Director of the Central Co-operative Bank in Ludhina from 1963 to 1968. In 1969, he was elected to the Punjab Vidhan Sabha as an Independent candidate supported by Congress and was re-elected in 1972 and 1977 successively. In 1977 when the State was ruling under the Janata Party wave, he was elected from the same constituency on the Congress ticket and served as the General Secre-